

EXPECT BIG CROPS

Conditions in Western Canada Please Farmers.

Seeding Has Been Begun Earlier Than for Many Years, and Soil is in Perfect Shape.

With weather conditions highly favorable, the farmers of Western Canada, with the exception probably of a portion of Manitoba, have completed seeding from ten to fifteen days earlier than for some years past. In some parts of Manitoba there were floods which delayed seeding, but they have abated, and left the land in good shape for quick work and speedy germination. In Saskatchewan soil conditions for seeding were never better. With a generous quantity of snow, which after melting left needed moisture, and another snowstorm after seeding was finished, there was an ideal condition created. From all parts of Alberta there came the best of reports as to rainfall and snow moisture, leaving the ground in the condition required for the prospects of a good crop.

Spring, as in most other parts of the continent, was backward, but notwithstanding this, as has been said, farmers were able to get on the land earlier than for some years. In fact, seeding was practically commenced about the 12th of April, which to many readers may seem remarkable, when it is known that several hundred miles farther south it was not possible to do spring seeding for several days later. Reports to hand on the 16th of May state that wheat is up above the ground in a great many places, oats are being sown, and corn planted. Farm labor was scarce for awhile, but the demand has fallen off. One feature of the demand for farm help is that farmers are now employing help by the year, at of course smaller wages than those paid for special work. The increasing tendency to employ help by the year is evidence that farmers are not relying solely upon wheat growing, but are going out into other branches, such as dairying, stock raising, etc. The prospects in all portions of Western Canada were never brighter than at present. Information regarding the condition of the crops at any time will be sent on request made to any Canadian government agent.—Advertisement.

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By A. BLOOMFIELD, Conductor on the Chicago and North Western Railway.

At the second annual banquet of the Pennsylvania System Veteran Employees' Association, a member of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, the Hon. William I. Schaffer, spoke on "A Proposed Change in Government." He said in part that a proposition was being advanced by some "That there shall be denied to the Supreme Court of the United States the power which it has always exercised to declare whether or not Acts of Congress are in consonance with the Constitution; whether that power shall be taken away from the Court and lodged in Congress, without appeal, or whether it shall remain as it has remained since the foundation of the Government, with the Supreme Court of the United States.

"This proposition—and it concerns everyone who is here, it concerns your children, and your children's children—advanced by a powerful group of men, championed by at least one United States Senator, is, that when an act of Congress shall have been passed and shall be declared to be unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States, if it shall be passed again by Congress, then the Supreme Court of the United States shall be without power to declare it unconstitutional, and it shall be the law of the land.

"That is to say—when that proposition comes to be finally analyzed, it amounts to this—that Congress shall be supreme and without restraint, and that means that there shall be wrought a change in the Government of this nation greater than any that was ever proposed in its history."

Justice Schaffer undoubtedly found in talking to railway employes a most sympathetic audience, for they generally are familiar with the manner in which their brotherhoods are organized and the respect which is paid to the constitution of such organizations. Railway brotherhoods never delegate to their representatives, who occupy the same position with them as does Congress with the people, as a whole, the power to in any way infringe upon the rights of their constitution and by-laws. The entire membership of a railway brotherhood, appreciating the safeguards which their constitution and by-laws throw around their organization, reserve to the entire membership the right to make changes or alterations or amendments. No group of men in the United States will be any quicker to see the fallacy of arguments presented for handing over to our representatives in Washington unlimited power and authority.

We know that for the practical working out of governmental affairs we must place a certain amount of authority in the hands of those who are to represent us, but we do not intend to hand over all authority without any check or restraint. We will let the constitution stand as it is, and if there are any changes to be made, we will attend to the making of them ourselves.—Advertisement.

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GOVERNOR BLAMES THE REPUBLICANS

Says Organization of Code Departments Made Harder by Lack of Adequate Funds.

Lincoln, Neb., May (Special).—In spite of the strongest sort of pressure from the democratic leaders and a lot of the rank and file to turn out the republicans in the code department, Governor Bryan has made no appointments. He blames the delay on the republican legislature, which he says wrecked them by refusing to furnish proper financial support and left him to pick up the pieces. He says that the failure to make an appropriation for the department of labor makes it almost necessary to consolidate this with some other department. He accuses the republicans of deliberately striking at labor by also refusing to re-enact the law providing for a state board of mediation.

TEACHER'S RESIGNATION CAUSES UPEHEVAL

Valentine, Neb., May (Special).—After hanging fire for several months, Miss Laura Kirsch, high school teacher, was asked to resign by the board of education. She complied.

A strike of senior students was threatened when it became known that Miss Kirsch had resigned. Miss Kirsch was class sponsor for the 12th grade and had charge of the class play. Seniors threatened to call off the class school activities unless the board's request was withdrawn. There were only five days of school remaining at the time.

Miss Kirsch's home is at Hooper, Neb.

GOOD YEAR AHEAD BANKERS BELIEVE

Deposits in Nebraska Increase 25 Per Cent. in Year—New Law Better Than Old.

Lincoln, Neb., May (Special).—Nebraska bankers see a good year ahead. This is the sense of reports made by them to group No. 1 of the state association which met in Lincoln, Thursday. Fine crop conditions are reported everywhere except wheat which is not up to the standard, but has made such progress since the rains began to fall with much volume and regularity.

Deposits have increased 25 per cent. during the last year while loans have not kept pace. President Dan Riley of the state organization talked about the new banking law. He admitted that it was not all that the bankers desired but that it was the best that could be obtained at the time. The bankers realize that the guaranty fund makes them all members of a mutual insurance company, but without any power to inspect the risks. He thought that they should have the power to supervise or at least watch the conduct of their partners.

He called the new law a fire distinguisher. The law desired would have hidden the matches. But the guaranty fund commission is the salvage corps. He urged that only the best men be chosen for places on the commission. Politics and friendship ought not, he said, figure in the selection. The success of the law depends on the quality of the members of the commission. He expressed confidence in the ability of a good commission backed by proper operation from the state banking department to handle the fund well.

RANDOLPH SCHOOLS TO GRADUATE CLASS OF 20

Randolph, Neb., May (Special).—Randolph high school will graduate a class of 20 members here next week. The school calendar for the remaining weeks follows: baccalaureate sermon, May 27; class day, May 29; commencement, May 31; alumni banquet, June 7. J. P. Masters, of Omaha, will deliver the address to the graduates.

CHIROPRACTORS LOSE IN SUPREME COURT

Lincoln, Neb., May (Special).—The office of the attorney general has received notice that the suit of the Nebraska Chiropractic association to enjoin the state department of public welfare from licensing C. A. Pierce, of Hastings, was dismissed on appeal in the Nebraska supreme court May 4.

YOUNGEST LEGISLATOR IS SEEKING DIVORCE

Lincoln, Neb., May (Special).—Charles Reed, of Logan county, youngest member of the 1921 legislature, yesterday filed a petition for annulment of his marriage to Georgie Lummus, of Miami, Fla., setting forth that she left Lincoln four days after her arrival.

GOVERNOR EVASIVE AS TO OUSTING REPUBLICANS

Lincoln, Neb., May (Special).—While Governor Bryan has given no outward manifestation of swinging the axe and decapitating republican officers and employes, some claim to have received notice quietly to move out of the state house June 1. When the governor was asked pointedly whether he had taken action he answered that he did not remember asking any state officer or employe to quit the first of the month.

SIOUX CITY RATES NOT EQUITABLE

Rail Commissioner's Minority Report Says Omaha Livestock Market Given Undue Advantage.

Lincoln, Neb., May (Special).—In the minority report filed by Commissioner Browns in the livestock rate case, the strong support is given the position of Sioux City livestock exchange that that city is being unjustly discriminated against in the existing rates as compared with Omaha. Sioux City interests contended that the theory of high rated territory to the north has been overworked and over emphasized in making schedules to that market; that Omaha has been unduly favored and that Sioux City should have the advantage of her location.

Omaha has contended that its rates into northeastern Nebraska were in existence before Sioux City became a market and have remained the same except when the legislature cut Nebraska rates 15 per cent. in 1907. They say that when Sioux City became a market it was only natural that it should be considered on a par with Omaha and that such relationship is just as logical as it is in the making of the rate fabric to Kansas City and St. Joseph. Omaha urges that Sioux City should take the higher rate, mile per mile, because of the expensive bridge construction across the Missouri.

Commissioner Brown says that it is difficult to justify the relation of rates to these two markets from much of the territory in the northeastern part of the state. He points out many towns where the same rate is given when the distance to Sioux City is only half or two-thirds that to Omaha. He also cites figures to show that Sioux City does not get the proportion of traffic that its location entitled it to receive.

Both the reports say that Sioux City's claims to better rates in proportion to Omaha are well founded. It will be necessary, however, for the livestock interests there to be represented when the joint hearing and argument is held at some date to be fixed by the representatives of the state and interstate commissions, after which each will, in co-operation, make its final orders with respect to state and interstate rates.

HOST OF FRIENDS GO TO HER AID

Young Woman Who Attempted Suicide Now Views Life in Different Light.

Lincoln, Neb., May (U. P.).—The world seemed brighter today for lonely Violet Schmidt.

The pretty 23 year old blonde, former Omaha society girl, who yesterday attempted to kill herself before members of the state pardon board when she was refused re-admittance to the penitentiary, today found herself surrounded by men who offered her employment and a woman who offered to take her into their homes.

"How foolish I was," the girl wept, as she lay on her hospital cot where she is recovering from the effects of bichloride of mercury tablets.

"I find there are some really wonderful people in this world, after all."

It was the sight of her mother's sunken grave in Omaha and the refusal of business men to employ "a jail bird" that disheartened her, Miss Smith said.

Miss Smith, coming from a well known family and once a social favorite there, was imprisoned some time ago when she forged checks to pay her mother's funeral expenses.

She was paroled six months ago and during that time sought work as a stenographer. Failing to find it, she went to work as a domestic, but being of frail build, could not stand the hard work and became despondent.

FEDERAL AND STATE COURTS HAVE CLASH

Lincoln, Neb., May (Special).—Assistant United States Attorney Stewart was in supreme court today urging that Judge Allen of the Madison county district court should be told that he had no right to release by habeas corpus four cities of Tilden arrested without warrants by federal prohibition agents and put in jail at Norfolk. Mr. Stewart said that the federal supreme court had held that only a federal court was available for those who claimed to be deprived of their liberty by the acts of federal officers.

The claim that the state has the right to protect its citizens from improper arrest and incarceration was denied by Mr. Stewart, who said that the federal government is just as much interested in protecting its citizens as the state government, and that only the federal court had jurisdiction where officers had acted under authority of the United States.

The four men arrested, Ludwig Wendt, hotelkeeper; Lloyd Brittell, a roofer, and Robert Hayes and James Casey, were released within 24 hours by Judge Allen, who held that the government had unreasonably delayed filing complaints. They have filed damage suits for \$44,400 against the officers, Charles Pilger, C. N. McMillan, A. E. Whitney and H. E. Gibson, who were brought down from Minneapolis on complaint of citizens of Tilden that bootlegging was going on during carnival week last July 6. The ruling in this case will have an important bearing on the disposition of the damage cases.

GOVERNOR STILL ANTAGONIZES ACT

Tuberculosis Eradication Continues to Be Bitter Pill For Him to Swallow.

Lincoln, Neb., May (Special).—Governor Bryan has given out a statement criticizing the state university for its activity in helping spend the \$285,000 that the last legislature voted for eradication work with bovines suffering from tuberculosis. The governor says that he understands the university is to carry on a campaign of education in an effort to teach the farmers how they may get a part of this money.

Another accusation against the university is that it is preparing to send out men to get the necessary number of signers to do area work. The governor says it is no part of the business of an educational institution to teach how to raid the public treasury.

AUTHORITIES PUZZLED OVER SHOOTING AFFAIR

Alliance, Neb., May (Special).—Della Gagliardi, a Creole, who was shot at the home of William Mack, colored, is in a critical condition at a local hospital. The woman and her sister, Nora Bell, are said to have operated a rooming house here, frequented principally by colored men. Mack has been arrested although he declares his only connection with the case is that a party was held at his home which the women and some colored men attended. The woman declares she shot herself and her sister also says she attempted suicide but their details conflict. No powder burns were found on the Creole's velvet coat, through which the shot passed.

BUILD FENCE AROUND GOVERNMENT GAME PRESERVE

Valentine, Neb., May (Special).—Twenty men are working on the 12-mile fence which is to enclose the Niobrara national game preserve here and which must be completed before June 30 or receive no congressional appropriation. The fence is of large woven wire and is buffalo proof. Buffalo and elk will be enclosed in the preserve.

CLASS OF 16 WILL GRADUATE AT CORRECTIONVILLE

Correctionville, Ia., May (Special).—The commencement exercises of the Correctionville high school will be held in the Methodist church, Friday evening, when a class of 16 will receive diplomas. Prof. C. W. Wassam, head of the Commercial department of the University of Iowa, has been secured to address the class.

DIDN'T WANT CHILDREN BY DRUNKEN HUSBAND

Hastings, Neb., May (Special).—Declaring that she refused to become a mother because her husband was a habitual drunkard and she did not want a child whose father used alcohol to intoxication, Mrs. Ethel Mansfield withdrew sobbing to the office of the clerk of the district court. The occasion was the trial of the suit for divorce which she has filed against A. H. Mansfield.

Mrs. Mansfield also testified she played the role of detective in getting information as to her husband's alleged drinking habits, and of one time donning a pair of overalls as a disguise. She declared Mansfield made a liquor from mash of rye, raisins and fruit. Mansfield's version is that it was a non-intoxicating peach punch of which his wife drank more than he. Mansfield misrepresented his financial condition to her before their marriage, she alleges.

RAILROADS RESISTING HIGH PROPERTY VALUATION

Lincoln, Neb., May (Special).—The annual scrap over the valuation to be placed by the state board of equalization upon the railroad property in the state is on before that body. The main claim of the railroads is that they are being assessed at full value, while farm lands and city and personal property are put in at from 55 to 75 per cent. of their value. Bulky documents were offered in support of this claim.

The Burlington and Northwestern now have cases pending in the federal circuit court of appeals covering the taxes for last year. The court allowed them to pay 75 per cent. of what was assessed and litigate the remainder.

CHILD EATS PILLS AND DIES IN FEW HOURS

Ireton, Ia., May (Special).—The 18-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Mantel clambered to a table and secured some pills, which it ate. Though remedies were quickly applied the child died in a few hours.

SCOTLAND, S. D. GIRL IS CROWNED QUEEN OF THE MAY

Scotland, S. D., May (Special).—Miss Ethel Carr, of Scotland, has been named and crowned queen of the May at Huron college. The selection exercises will be on Friday, when the young men of the college, they considering the Scotland young woman the most deserving of the coveted honor.

NORTHWESTERN ROAD PLANS BIG IMPROVEMENTS

Blair, Neb., May (Special).—The Northwestern railroad is shortly to enter upon an improvement program in northeastern and northern Nebraska that will run into millions. This includes a new bridge across the river between Blair and Missouri Valley, and the rebuilding and partial double tracking of its lines west from here. The investment is for the purpose of putting the company in a position to bid more strongly than now against the Burlington for the oil and cattle business of Wyoming.

INDIANS URGED TO RAISE GARDEN

Superintendent of Omaha Reservation Puts Ban on Councils and Dances for Summer.

Walthill, Neb., May (Special).—No more Indian councils or dances may be held on the Omaha Indian reservation until August 6, by order of Supt. C. B. Lohmiller, who has posted notices to that effect all over the reservation. Indians are urged to stay at home and plow and plant their fields and instead of harassing the superintendent's office daily in addition to lazing around the various reservation towns, it is directed that each Indian family develop and tend a garden.

OLD SUIT FINALLY ENDED IN U. S. COURT

Hastings, Neb., May (Special).—Litigation which started here 23 years ago involving Elmer Stalcup has been finished in U. S. district court with a decree of discharge for Stalcup.

Stalcup, who, at the time was in the piano business here, was later an officer in the Merry Monarch Gold Mining Company, and was involved in an Arizona wild horse deal, in which he was, at one time, attacked in Omaha by a man with a black snake.

The original judgment was secured by a local firm against Stalcup for \$691, in 1902. By 1909 the judgment had increased to \$1,900. About this time Stalcup went into bankruptcy. A diamond ring he wore was demanded by his creditors and found to be paste. Three attorneys involved in the case have died.

WAYNE FAIR ASSOCIATION IMPROVING GROUNDS

Wayne, Neb., May (Special).—The Wayne Fair Association and Stock Show have contracted for the extension of the city water mains to the grounds of the association. Engineers have completed the plotting of the grounds and buildings. Contracts for the buildings will be let the latter part of this month and will be completed in time for the fair. Grading of the race course will start soon. The association will have the most beautiful grounds of any in the state due to the natural surroundings as the grounds are enclosed on all sides by a wide strip of walnut trees, also being located on a high piece of ground that affords perfect drainage. Bookings of attractions are now being made by the organization.

S'WALLOWS STRYCHNINE, NO TRACE KNOWN

Wolbach, Neb., May (Special).—Joe Calvin Bockoven, 3 years old, committed suicide by drinking strychnine at his home here. No reason is known for the act. He had recently returned home from an absence of some duration. He asked his mother to make him toast for breakfast the day of his death and ate heartily. He then waited until she went to the mail box, before attempting self-destruction.

ALLEN HIGH SCHOOL HAS CLASS OF 16

Allen, Neb., May (Special).—The graduating class of the Allen high school gave its class play on Thursday and Friday evenings to capacity houses. This year's class consists of 16 young folks. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered Sunday evening by Rev. Chas. Ross Wilhide, of the local Methodist Episcopal church.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF FUNDS ARE BEING INVESTED

Lincoln, Neb., May (Special).—The state board of educational lands and buildings, which is the trustee, has already invested \$1,357,875 of the soldiers' relief funds in bonds. The 1921 legislature authorized that the sum of \$2,000,000 be devoted to this purpose, the interest to be used for the ex-service men.

The investment now produces approximately \$50,000 a year, which is disbursed by an organization of the American Legion. In addition the legislature appropriated \$25,000 for the relief fund and \$10,000 for the relief of the Spanish-American war veterans. The state board has been paying portions of the relief income in quarterly installments. The \$10,000 for the veterans of 1898 was placed in the bank to be drawn upon as it is needed. Claims are passed upon when approved by the Spanish-American veterans association. It is probable that the entire \$2,000,000 relief fund for the soldiers of the World war will all be paid into the state treasury by July 1. As soon as available the balance will be invested in bonds.

HOG GROWERS ATTEND HOG VACCINATION SCHOOL

Whitfield, Ia., May (Special).—The hog cholera vaccination school for the farmers of Plymouth county was held May 17 and 18 in the basement of the consolidated school at Westfield. Twenty-two were present the first day, not quite so many the second and 10 took the examinations which will qualify them to do their own work of that kind.

FRUIT COMPANY TO OPEN BRANCH HOUSE

Pipestone, Minn., May (Special).—The Dickinson Fruit company, of Spencer, Ia., is preparing to open a branch house here.

PIPESTONE FIRE DEPT. GETS NEW EQUIPMENT

Pipestone, Minn., May (Special).—The local fire department is soon to be greatly strengthened by the addition of two auto trucks. One will be a four-tank chemical and the other a ladder truck.

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